

MEASURE J
"REIMAGINE LA"



2021 SPENDING

RECOMMENDATIONS PROCESS

Subcommittee Housing Meeting #3

Interpretation on Your Computer

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Aparecerá un menú. Seleccione el idioma que desea escuchar.



1. To only hear the interpreted language, click Mute Original Audio.

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About Measure J

LA County Voters approved
Measure J in the November 2020
Election.



Measure J mandates at
least **10%** of the
County's locally generated
unrestricted funding will
address impact of racial
injustice.

**How will Measure J address the impact
of systemic racism and incarceration?**

By investing those funds in
community recommended
programs such as:

- youth development
- job training
- mental health services
- small business development
- supportive housing services
- and other alternatives to incarceration.



Breathe

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Acknowledgement of Local Native Peoples

Tongva/Kizh/Gabrieleño, Tataviam & Chumash

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF WHAT'S COME BEFORE

Multi-decade efforts to address mass incarceration, systemic racism, equity and community healing

**Measure J is one strategy
of many **key efforts**
for advancing **equity**,
decarceration, **healing**,
repair and **wellbeing** of
our communities**

**2-Year Process to
develop
recommendations
for Alternatives to
Incarceration
(ATI Process)**

**November 2020:
Voters Approve
Measure J to redirect
funding to support
community
investments and
alternatives to
incarceration**

**Efforts to Close
Men's Central Jail
in LA County**

Meeting #3 Goals

- Community members share their wisdom
- Community Leaders share their experiences of working and what's needed with Measure J investments
- Learn about services and programs that are working to address disparities, build community power, and heal



Agenda

1. Introduction and Grounding
2. Community Wisdom Panel Discussion
3. Community Discussion
 - *Discuss emerging funding recommendations emerging from Subcommittee Insights*
4. Public Comment
5. Next Steps and Close



Group Agreements

- 1) **Be Present** - Try to have cameras on, listen actively and turn off other devices and apps during the meeting
- 2) **Equity in Participation**
 - *Please mute while others are speaking*
 - *Raise your hand to be in the speaking stack (*9 on the phone)*
 - *Be ready to unmute (*6 to mute and unmute on the phone)*
 - *If you have spoken allow space for others to speak before you. Facilitators will call on others in the stack if you have spoken so we can hear everyone's comments and voice*
- 3) **Practice Grace and Openness** - We are all here with good intentions and want to improve people's lives, let's give each other a chance
- 4) **Take Care of Your Bodies** - Get up to stretch, use restroom, hydrate, etc.
- 5) **Use Human-First Language**
- 6) **Respect Everyone's Pronouns**

Zoom Instructions to Support Participation

RENAME

Name you want to be called, Gender Pronouns & Organization (if affiliated)

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USE THE CHAT

- To connect
- To respond
- To ask questions



RAISE YOUR HAND

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OR

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FOR THE PHONE

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- *9 - Raise Hand



Interpretation in Spanish at this Meeting

- ❖ Please speak *more slowly* for Interpretation
- ❖ If you are receiving Spanish Interpretation, please put a “ * ” (star) before your Name by **RENAMING** for Breakout Groups
*Sample: * - Liz Sunwoo (she/her), ODP*
- ❖ Spanish Interpretation in Main Room only so **Spanish language Breakout Group** will be in **Main Room**
- ❖ Hable *más despacio* para los que están interpretando
- ❖ Si está recibiendo interpretación en español, coloque un “ * ” (estrella) antes de su nombre CAMBIANDO EL NOMBRE para ayudar a facilitar la creación de los Grupos de trabajo
- ❖ Por ejemplo: * - Liz Sunwoo (ella / ella), ODP
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II. Reports and Presentations

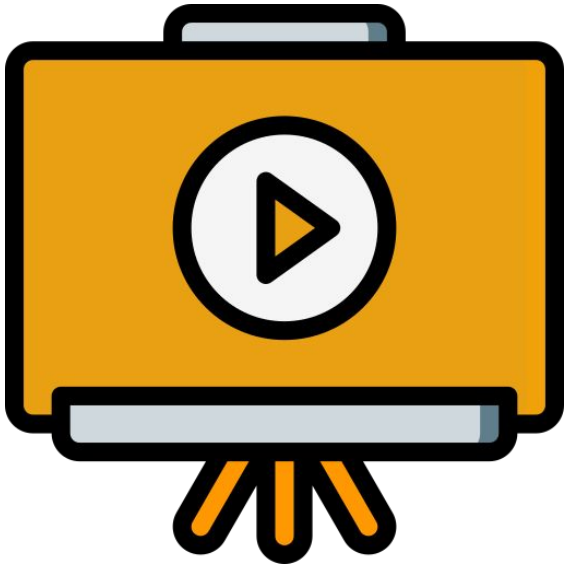
Community-identified Panel



Community Wisdom Panel

1. Co-Chair Introduce Panelists
2. Three-round series of questions and panelists will have three minutes to answer
3. After the initial round, we will take questions from the audience
4. You can type in questions in the chat and our facilitators will be grouping questions





Panelists

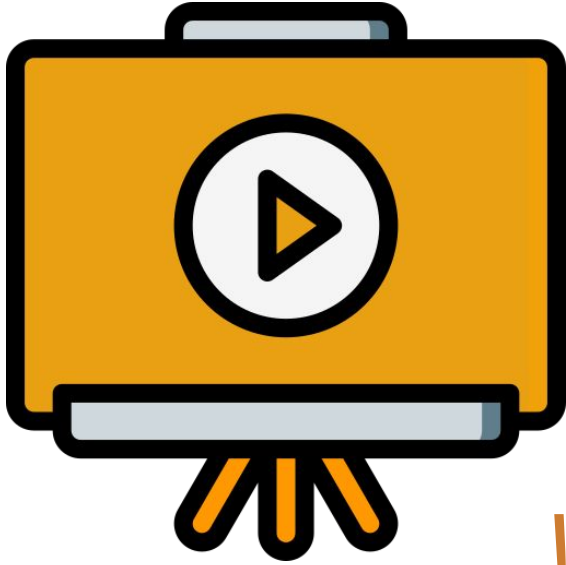
- **Suzette Shaw**, Grassroots Advocate / Poetess
- **Steve Diaz**, Director of Organizing at LA CAN
- **Zerita Jones**, Vice Chairperson of Liberty Community Land Trust
- **Jose Arellano**, Director of Case Management & Navigation at Homeboy Industries
- **Pastor Troy Vaughn**, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Mission, Founder of Christ-Centered Ministries and the Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership



Question 1:

Understanding that stable housing is the foundation for successful reentry, what community-based solutions have you seen be successful? What additional solutions are needed?





Question 2:

What affordable housing models are working, particularly with regard to justice-involved individuals and can be expanded?



Question 3:

What other strategies or models do you suggest that could keep people stably housed or get folks in housing?

Questions from the Audience/ Public Comment



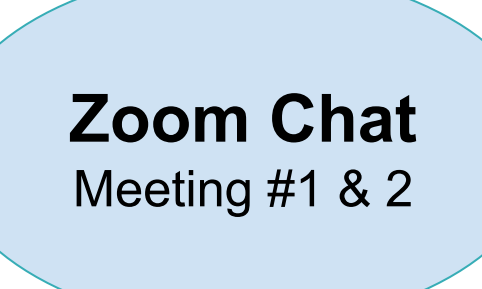


Bio & Stretch Break

III. Community Discussion

Reviewing Community Wisdom &
Emerging Funding Recommendation Elements



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Zoom Chat
Meeting #1 & 2



Meeting #1
Google
Jamboard



Meeting #2
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comment section*



Emerging Funding Recommendation Elements: “Who”

- **Black people**
- **Transgender and LGBTQIA+**
 - queer, trans folks, LGBTQIA2S+ Trans, LGBTQ
- **Systems Impacted People**
 - People with foster care involvement or backgrounds
 - Individuals that have no diagnosis but served long term incarceration
 - Folks with injustice system involvement or background
 - Patients in substance use disorder treatment
 - Lack of housing services for people experiencing Domestic Violence
- **Lack of community based and driven housing programs for specific groups**
 - Latino
 - Native American
 - Disabled
 - Black communities in the San Fernando Valley
 - Foster kids timed out
 - TAY
 - chronically homeless
 - Undocumented communities
 - Youth

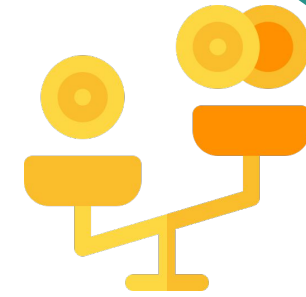


WHO

The most
impacted groups in this
subcommittee's focus area?

*Ideas here are
from the Jamboard
& Chat in Meeting
1 & 2*

Emerging Funding Recommendation Elements: “What”



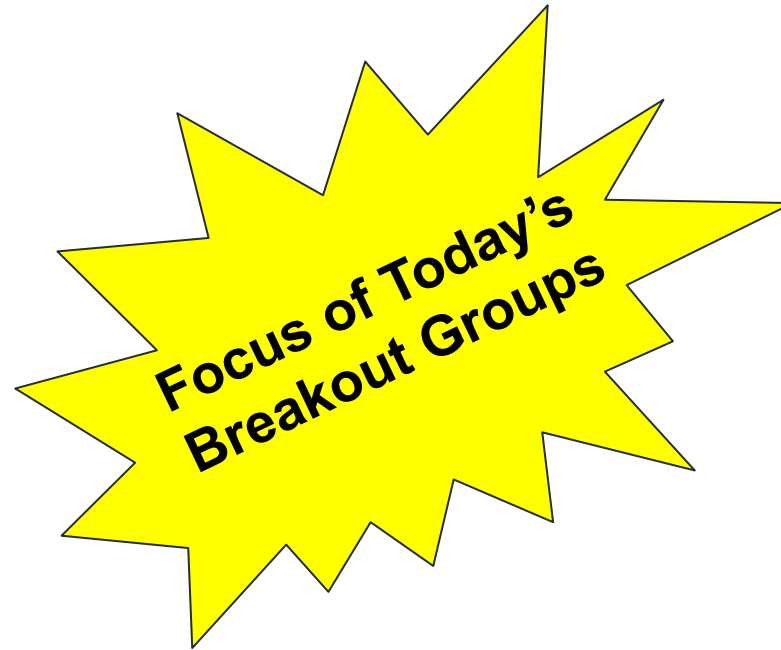
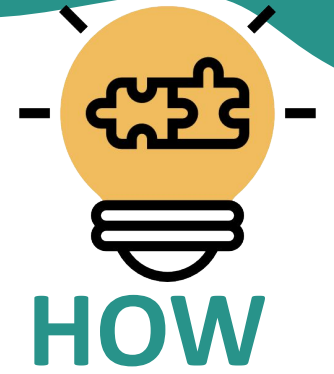
WHAT

Identifying the disparities or challenges that exist for those impacted groups?

Initial Ideas from Jamboards & Chat on Barriers & Challenges:

- ☐ Culturally competent providers
 - ☐ Language access
 - ☐ Understand the Black community
- ☐ Engaging local Tongva tribe
- ☐ County, agency and CBO collaboration and integration
 - ☐ Need a joint agency to identify and use underused public land
- ☐ Big developer loopholes - enforcing requiring affordable units
- ☐ Fees and funds that are needed to secure housing
- ☐ Reserving enough housing units for formerly incarcerated folks
- ☐ Bureaucracy (applications, different agencies, etc.) for folks to access housing
- ☐ Starting the housing process while transitioning out of system
- ☐ Connecting job training/placement with housing - they are interconnected

Emerging Funding Recommendation Elements: “How”



Identifying the services, investments, and/or strategies that can eliminate *(or greatly reduce)* those disparities and challenges for the impacted groups in this subcommittee's focus area.

ATI Work Group Recommendations Closely Connected to HOUSING

1. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING MODELS:** Expand or refine affordable successful housing models designed for and tailored to justice-involved individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorder needs.
2. **UPDATE POLICIES TO REMOVE BARRIERS:** Remove barriers to treatment, employment, and affordable housing, including recovery housing, based on stigmatization and discrimination due to record of past convictions through local and state legislative intervention or updating County policies.
3. **INVEST IN COMMUNITY OF CARE:** Develop and expand pre-arrest and pre-booking diversion programs, using decentralized, cross-functional teams to coordinate behavioral health assessments and connections to community-based systems of care, for people whose justice system involvement is driven by unmet behavioral health needs, in coordination with law enforcement and community providers.



Summary of Ideas & Comments from Meeting #1

ATI Recommendation- AFFORDABLE HOUSING MODELS: Expand or refine affordable successful housing models designed for and tailored to justice-involved individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorder needs.

- **Fund existing programs through Measure J**
 - County based programs that work well and need to scale
 - Community-based housing not large shelters
 - Those those who have empty beds
 - Those who currently don't have housing & those who are at risk of losing their homes (rent relief)
- **Models such as:**
 - Solutions for Homelessness: ABH, Safe Parking, Sanctioned Encampments, leasing motels, etc. for immediate relief
 - Housing built in religious facilities
 - Housing specific to Trans Community
 - Accessible to people with Disabilities
 - Women with children especially those who are trying to reunify with their children in Foster care
 - Shared housing with private rooms and common spaces



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❑ Pilot Ideas

- ❑ Culturally competent housing for Black & Indigenous communities.
- ❑ Consultation with local tribes e.g. work closely with Tongva people
- ❑ Those who have substance Abuse challenges
- ❑ We should highlight recent innovative programs
- ❑ We need to be collaborating together- fund housing programs that connect/collaborate with other complementary programs.
- ❑ Need two strategies for those that are able to work and those who are unable to work. (Communities of Care)
- ❑ Opportunity for smaller orgs to provide these services
- ❑ Investment of other housing models and strategies that focus on tenant ownership, cooperatives, community land trust. Preservation of naturally occurring affordable housing.
- ❑ Tax on vacant buildings-no big money developer should be allowed to have all these vacant units while people are leaving jail and exiting directly into homelessness



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❑ Pilot Ideas (continued)

- ❑ Fund projects that buy existing buildings that could be converted to residential usage to provide housing (social housing, community controlled housing models, community land trusts)
- ❑ Reserve units in affordable housing developments for formerly system impacted folx. No age limits and don't make them go through CES.
- ❑ We need a regional housing authority or joint powers authority that can help assemble underused public land across public agencies to help scale affordable and social housing
- ❑ Equity/opportunity for building generational wealth.

❑ Long-Term Affordable Housing & Permanent Housing Subsidies

- ❑ Invest in preventing people from falling into homeless. support people at risk for losing housing.



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❑ Ideas for Policy Changes

- ❑ Waive application fees, credit and background checks, etc. for justice involved folks
- ❑ Directing 911 homelessness-related calls outside of law-enforcement
- ❑ Requiring all county projects have sizable number of affordable units
- ❑ Grow County's Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- ❑ Give priority to housing providers who are Black owned and BIPOC owned
- ❑ Address future of Eviction Moratorium
- ❑ Opportunities to convert commercially zoned areas to housing.
- ❑ Maximize use of county land and consider eminent domain actions to convert motels/other to housing quickly
- ❑ There should be a wider choice for individuals to get housing outside of areas where no longer want to live in because it is dangerous or not conducive to their health
- ❑ Reserve housing units for formerly system-impacted folks would be really helpful, no age limits



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❑ Ideas for Policy Changes (continued)

- ❑ The housing should fit a person's actual needs- instead of what get's them housed most quickly. Workers need a certain level of training- so they do not assign the first housing opp that pops up, but instead the most appropriate one.
- ❑ End the “One strike, you're out!” mentality for folks in crisis and looking for housing.
- ❑ Streamline all of the hoops that people need to jump through to get into an apartment. there are TOO many agencies



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☐ Supportive Funding to get housing

- ☐ Move-in Fund (rent and utility deposit)

☐ Information & Accessibility

- ☐ Language access
- ☐ Easily available housing information
- ☐ Fix challenge within the CES system
- ☐ Right to counsel for evictions
- ☐ Provide housing accessible to undocumented communities
- ☐ A supportive housing model where folks who don't want to "cut a deal" to be released out of jail, so community workers can work with them on a release plan.

☐ Data that is needed?

- ☐ Figure out— How many do we need? Housing units, beds, amount housing subsidies? These things would be critical. Focus on those physical structures and beds.
- ☐ Data - what is really working and not working?
- ☐ Major disconnect between how housing and services are rendered. We need to figure out how to create win-win. So we need a discussion about this.



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❑ **Programs that connect those who will reenter to housing before they are released**

- ❑ Communication between Parole, Probation, etc. to connect their caseloads to housing
- ❑ Strong connection to Employment and Housing
- ❑ Programs that will prevent people from going from incarceration to homelessness



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☐ Supportive Services and Staffing in housing sites

- ☐ From Harm Reduction Principles (No requirements for sobriety, longer term housing solutions)
- ☐ Anti-racism, Mental Health & SUD training for landlords, owners, operators
- ☐ Person-focused programs - Mentor/Navigator between different systems (justice system, housing, mental health, etc.)
- ☐ Support for addiction
- ☐ Are there models that the county has used before that have worked? Also if there are models for pop specific e.g. Black folks and Trans women of color
- ☐ More specific supportive housing for child welfare involved families and TAY. More prevention and flexible funding to support families and youth to stay housed.
- ☐ Serious lack of supportive housing, particularly paired with peer navigation/support
- ☐ Homelessness Prevention services are not readily available or prioritized

☐ Supporting Land Stewardship

- ☐ Publicly owned land, community land trusts, etc.



Breakout Session & Discussion



Breakout Session Prompts

1. **FOR 2021:** What are the programs/initiatives your break-out group thinks we should prioritize for funding for 2021 under your ATI Recommendation? *(See Synthesis from previous meeting ideas)* What has existing infrastructure?
2. **BEYOND 2021:** Track which recommendations would be beyond 2021? What needs infrastructure built that doesn't exist now?

Public Comment & Large Group Reflection



Want to Share Breakout Session Highlights?
“Raise your Hand” or type **STACK** in the **chat**.

**Share Reflections from your Breakout
Groups**

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT





Next Steps for this Subcommittee



NEXT STEPS

Upcoming Meeting Dates for the Housing

- ❑ March 3, 4:00pm - 6:30pm
- ❑ March 10, 4:00pm - 6:30pm

- ❑ Meeting Slides, Minutes and Recordings will be posted:
<https://ceo.lacounty.gov/measure-j-2021-spending/>
- ❑ You can send feedback and requests for the HOUSING Subcom
to ati@lacounty.gov



Meeting Materials will be posted on the Measure J Website

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Economic Opportunities and Sustainability		Diversion, Behavioral Health, and Health		Education Access and Youth Development		Housing
Reentry						
Tuesday, Feb 9	4:00 – 6:30 PM	Agenda	Minutes	Presentation Meeting Record	ZOOM	
Tuesday, Feb 16	4:00 – 6:30 PM	Agenda		Advancement Project JENI briefing ICHS Overview Presentation SAPC – DPH-SAPC SUD Data	ZOOM	
Tuesday, Feb 23	4:00 – 6:30 PM	Agenda			ZOOM	
Tuesday, Mar 2	4:00 – 6:30 PM	Agenda			ZOOM	
Tuesday, Mar 9	4:00 – 6:30 PM	Agenda			ZOOM	